



<Code or Standard>
Administrative Ruling / Interpretation

Code Section: IFC 907.10.1.2

Code Edition: 2003

Title: Visual Alarms in Employee work areas.

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Statement of Need:

The IFC requires that employee work areas be provided with wiring systems capable of providing visual alarm notification. Clarification is required for what constitutes an employee work area and what is expected to be provided for verification of adequate wiring systems for areas without visual coverage.

Ruling/Interpretation:

- a. Employee work areas not requiring visual alarm notification shall be those enclosed private offices that accommodate the same one or two people within the office. Private office means that the area is not shared by multiple people at different times of the day.
- b. Wiring systems shall be capable of providing visual alarm devices in all qualifying private offices by utilizing existing wiring or future power supplies that are available for the floor of such private offices. The designer shall provide the justification on the plans as to which method is being used to satisfy the requirement in IFC 907.10.1.2.

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